

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON COMMERCE**

Tuesday, May 22, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (16/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Reps. Clemente, Dean, Johnson (3/19)

Representative Valentine moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on May 15, 2007. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

Chair Meisner laid **House Bill 4215** before the committee:

HB 4215	Gaffney	Property tax; principal residence exemption; additional principal residence exemption on 2 properties up to 3 years; allow under certain circumstances.
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Representative Gaffney explained the intent of the bill and a proposed **Substitute (H-2)**.

Larry Steckelberg, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified in **support** of the bill and answered questions.

Representative Gaffney returned to the testimony table to answer questions.

Brad Ward, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Simpson moved to adopt **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 4215**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (16/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Stakoe moved to report **House Bill 4215**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-2)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (16/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Griffin moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representatives Clemente, Dean and Johnson**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **9:30 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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